

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize notable accomplishments in  
4 the lives of citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The life history of Elmo Ray Younger is one of  
6 quiet public commitment and dedication to serving his country  
7 and community well; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Younger's list of accomplishments include  
9 serving as Republican precinct committeeman for over 30  
10 years, as Juvenile correctional counselor for the Department  
11 of Corrections for 29 years, as a Union Representative for  
12 the Central States Joint Board for 12 years, as a Board  
13 member for the Grundy County Health Association for 6 years,  
14 and on the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts for 36 years;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In addition, he served as a Commander of the  
17 local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans for 12 years,  
18 as the Department of Illinois Disabled American Veterans  
19 State Chaplin for 4 years, and as State Commander for 2  
20 years; he also led the drive for a memorial to those  
21 civilians killed in an explosion at the Joliet Arsenal in  
22 1942, which was dedicated in 2001; and

23 WHEREAS, Elmo Ray Younger is the first and only  
24 African-American elected to public office in Grundy County as  
25 a three term Alderman for the City of Morris; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Younger currently serves as a member of the  
27 Joliet Arsenal Property's Remediation Action Board; at the  
28 age of 80, he continues to walk the path of volunteer  
29 involvement he started over 55 years ago; and

30 WHEREAS, Elmo Ray Younger is a dedicated husband, father,  
31 and proud Grundy County citizen; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED,   BY   THE   HOUSE   OF   REPRESENTATIVES   OF   THE  
2   NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3   we honor Elmo Ray Younger for his dedication and commitment  
4   to the residents of Grundy County; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6   presented to Elmo Ray Younger as an expression of our esteem.